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# LBJ Names Raborn as Chief of CIA

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JOHNSON CITY, Tex. — now deputy director for plans at CIA, to be the new No. 2 man in the agency.

President Johnson Sunday named Vice Adm. William F. Raborn Jr., developer of the Polaris missile submarine, to be the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).



Raborn, who retired from active naval duty in 1963, will replace John A. McCone as the nation's intelligence chief.

McCone is expected to retire soon.

The President made a surprise announcement of Raborn's appointment after the ceremonial signing of the federal education bill here.

**RABORN WAS** a weekend guest at the LBJ Ranch, and his presence — first noted by newsmen when he turned up at church with Mr. Johnson — had already led to speculation that he would get the CIA post.

At the same time, the President announced he will appoint Richard McG. Helms,

The job, carrying the title of deputy director, is now held by Army Lt. Gen. Marshall Carter.

**THE SHAKEUP** in the top command of CIA, which is responsible for the nation's intelligence activities around the world, has been expected.

McCone, who himself came out of retirement in 1961 to take over CIA after the Bay of Pigs incident, has long made plain his desire to return to private life.

Raborn, a decorated aviator and combat officer in World War II, is a 59-year-old native Texan who graduated from the Naval Academy in 1928. His most noted service accomplishment was his management of the crash program which developed both the submarine and missile for the Polaris ballistic missile weapons systems.

**HE WILL BE** the second retired naval officer to head

the CIA in its 18-year history.

The first CIA director was Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, who was succeeded by Army Gen. Walter Bedell Smith and two civilians, Allen W. Dulles and McCone.

Helms, 52, is a Pennsylvanian who worked as a newspaperman for seven years after his graduation from Williams College. He joined the Office of Strategic Services—the predecessor of CIA—in 1942, and has been with CIA since its establishment in 1947.

**THE RABORN** appointment ends a difficult search for the President, who has been under pressure from McCone to find a successor.

There had been rumors that Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach or Maxwell D. Taylor, ambassador to Viet Nam, would be tapped. But Mr. Johnson kept Katzenbach at the Justice Department and within the past fortnight has quietly let it be known that Taylor would not be shifted to CIA.

The President was known to have conducted an extensive and intensive "talent hunt" for a new CIA director, and to have considered a large number of possible appointees.

**HIS CHOICE** is sure to cause renewed controversy over the selection of military men for top posts in the CIA and other civilian agencies. Ironically, one of those who has led criticism of the practice—Sen. Eugene McCarthy

of Minnesota — was coincidentally a guest at the LBJ Ranch along with Raborn yesterday.

Whatever criticism there is may be muted, however, by the parallel selection of a civilian—Helms—to replace a military man as deputy director. Gen. Carter has been in that spot since early in the Eisenhower administration.

Raborn's selection was presumably based in major part on his brilliant record as manager of the complex Polaris program.

**IN THAT** operation, he had to co-ordinate submarine design, shipbuilding, missile research and development, warhead design, and a revolutionary navigation system at the same time—and work it out so that each new component was not only designed but manufactured to fit into a crash timetable.

Running the CIA is also primarily a managerial task, since the agency operates, with almost no congressional supervision, programs ranging from scientific research and overt intelligence collection to the darkest kind of cloak and dagger operations like the U2 spy plane and the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

Thus Raborn's managerial talents and his scientific skill as well will come in handy in his new post. Since his retirement from the Navy he had been vice-president of Aerojet General Corp., which manufactures missiles and missile engines on the West Coast.